ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WETUMPKA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

OF THE PRIMITIVE ORDER,

HELD WITH

SMYRNA CHURCH,

COOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

FROM THE 22ND TO THE 26TH SEPTEMBER,

(INCLUSIVE.)

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, September 22, 1860.

1. Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. J. P. Sears from 12th chapter of St. Luke, 52 verse: "Fear not little flock, for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

2. After a short recess, the delegates from the several Churches assembled in the house, and the Association was opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator.

3. Read the letters from the Churches, and minuted their state. See table.

4. Went into the choice of a Moderator and Clerk, and re-elected Eld. M. Gunn, Moderator, and Eld. R. W. Carlisle, Clerk.

5. Invited visiting brethren in the ministry and corresponding brethen of our order to seats with us.

6. Appointed brethren, viz:

On Preaching—Eld. J. P. Sears, E. Nelson, C. H. Webb, with the delegathe from the Church, J. Amason.

On Arrangemant of Business of the Association—E. Nelson, William Redden, and J. Britton.

On Examining Corresponding Minutes—B. Jowers, J. S. Ogletree, and Willis Cox.

7. Call for petitionary Churches, and received Mt. Zion Church, Shelby county, Ala., by letter and delegates, by Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock, prayer by Eld. J. W. Clyatt.

MONDAY MORNING, September 24th.

9. Met according to adjournment, prayer by Eld. J. M. Duke.

10. Call for the report on business which was handed in, read and adopted.

11. The names of the delegates were called and rules of decorum read.

12. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations:

From the Conecuh River, Ala., no correspondence.

From Beulah, Ala., by Letter and Messengers, Eld. J. M. Duke, W M. McClendon, J. W. Carlisle, A. Pruett, W. W. Smith, and J. Bailey.

From the Primitive, Weston, Ga., by Letter and messenger, Thomas Blalock.

From Cane Creek, Ala., by Letter and messengerd Ele E. Garrett, Thos. Rice.

13. Call for the report on examining corresponding minutes; the brethren report that they find nothing to claim the attention of this body.

14. Returned correspondence and appointed messengers:

To the Conecuh River, to convene with the Church at Union, Pike county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1860, Willis Cox and G. Patterson.

To the Beulah, to convene with the Church at Hillabactey, Herd Co., Ga., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1861, Eld. M. Gunn, R. W. Carlisle, B. Jowers, F. M. Gay, J. Britton, R. K. Blair, J. F. Meler, H. McKinney.

To Primitive, Weston, to convene with the Sardis Church, Harris county, Ga, commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in Oct., 1860. Eld. R. W. Carlisle, M. Gunn, ——— Cotton, J. G. Bell, and Wm. W. Blackman.

To the Cane Creek, to convene with the Church at Moriah, Cherokee county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in Oct., 1860, R. K. Blair, J. P. Sears, C. H. Webb, J. S. Ogletree, S. Thomas.

15. Appointed J. S. Ogletree to write the Corresponding Letter.

16. Appointed General Meetings;

Fourth District—First choice, at Swamp Creek, Coosa county, commencing on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1861.

First District—Coosa River, Autauga county, Ala., to commence Friday before Frst Sunday in August, 1861.

Second District— at Bethlehem, Macon county, Ala., to commence on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in June, 1861.

Third District—At Fish Pond, Coosa county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1861.

17. Call for the Corresponding Letter, which was read and received.

18. Appointed the next session of this body to be holden with the Church at Antioch, Talladega county, Ala., one mile from Fayetiville, commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in Sept., 1861.

19. Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, prayer by Eld F. Garrett.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 23'.

20. Met according to adjournment, prayer by Eld. W. M. McClendon.

21. Call for contributions from the Churches, and received $41,55.

22. Agreed to have 1200 copies of these minutes printed; that 200 be reserved for correspondence; that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and that he receive $20 for his services.

23. *Resolved*, That this Association express her gratitude to God and respects to the the brethren and friends, for their hospitality and kindness to us during the present session.

24. Call for the report of the brethren appointed last year to select three scriptural proofs to prove each article of our Faith, to be attached thereto.

M. GUNN, Moderator.

R. W. CARLISLE, Clerk.

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND SCRIPTURAL PROOFS.

ARTICLE I. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

We prove this from I John chap. 5. verse 7: For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Saint John chap. 1 verse 1: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. Chap. 10 30 v.: I and my Father are one. St. John chap. 17. verse 3: And this is life eternal that they might know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.

ARTICLE II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

II Timothy chap. 3. verse 16; All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, &c. II Peter chap. 1. verse 21: For the prophesy came not in old time, by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Hebrews chap. 1. verse 2: God who at sundry times and in divers ways spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things by whom also he saved the worlds.

ARTICLE III. We believe that God elected or chosen his people in Christ before the foundation of the World, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Psalms, chap. 33, verse 12: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Ephesians, chap. 1. verse 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. I Peter. chap. 1. verse 2: Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling the blood of Jesus Christ, &c. Acts. chap. 9 verse 15: For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and Kings and the children of Israel.

ARTICLE IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

Romans. chap. 5, verse 15: Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.—Romans, chap. 3. verse 23: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans, chap. 7. verse 14: We know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. Chap. 8. verse 7: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God; neither in deed can be. John. chap. 6, verse 44: No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me, draw him.

ARTICLE V. We believe that sinners are justified in sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Romans, chap. 10, verse 4: For Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness to every one that believeth. II Corinthians, chap. 5. verse 21: For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteous of God in him. I Corinthians, chap. 1 verse 30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, &c. Gal. chap. 2, verse 21: For if righteousness came by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

ARTICLE VI. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away

I Corinthians, chap. 1. verse 2: To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both these and ours. Titus, chap. 3. verse 5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Ghost. Hebrews, chap. 2, verse 11: For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

ARTICLE VII. We believe that baptism, and the Lord's supper, are

ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is immersion.

Mark. chap. 1. v. 9: And it came to pass in these days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Gallilee. and was baptized of John in Jordan: 16 chap. 16 v: He that believeth and is baptised. shall be saved. Acts 22. verse 16: And now why tarryest thou; arise and be baptized; 8 chap , 37 v : And Phillip said, if thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest; and he answered and said I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Verse 38: And he commanded the Chariot to stand still and they went down both into the water. both Phillip and the Eunuch and he baptized him.— Romans. 6 chap., 4 v: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so &c.

Now the Supper.—Matthew. 26 chap . 26 v.: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and break it, and gave it to his disciples. and said, take eat this is my body; 27 v.: And he took the cup and gave thanks. and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it; 28 v.: For this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 1 Corinthians, 5 chap. 11 v.: If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or an idolator, or a railer or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one no not to eat; 11 chap., 29 v.: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not deserving the Lord's body.

Article VIII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Matthew 28 chap., 5 v-: And the Angel answered. and said unto the woman, fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified: 6 v.: He is not hear for he has risen, as he said; 7 v.: and go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead. Acts, 24 chap., 15 v.: There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of just and the unjust; 17 chap., 31 v.: Because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness. by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead. John, 5 chap., 58, 29 v.: Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in teere graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurection of life. and they that have done evil unto the resurection of damnation.

Article IX. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery and in fellowship with the Church of which he is a member.

Leviticus, 8 chap., 1 v.: And the Lord spake unto Moses saying take Aaron and his sons with him Hebrews 5 chap., 4 v.: No man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. I Timothy, 4 chap., 14 v : Neglect not the gift that is in the which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Acts. 13 chap.. 2, 3 v.: The Holy Ghost said seperate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them, and when they had parted, and prayed and layed there hands on them they sent them away.

Article X. We believe that God has ordained good works that his children should walk in them, and that good works are only such as God hath commanded in his Word, and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal or upon any pretence of good intentions.

Ephesians, 2 chap., 10 v.: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we shall walk in them. James 1 chap., 18 v.: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Romans, 10 chap,, 3 v.: For they being ignorant of God s righteousness, and going about to establish there own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Titus. 3 chap., 5 v.: Not by works of righteuosness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.

ARTICLE XI. We believe that washing the Saints' feet was ordained by Christ to be done by his children in a Church capacity until his second coming.

John, 13 chap., 5 verse: After that he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, and wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded; 14 verse: If I, then, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one anothers feet. 15 v.: For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you. I Timothy, 5 chap. 10 verse: Well reeported of for good works, if she have brought up children; if she have lodged strangers; if she have watched the saints feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

C. H. WEBB,
R. W. CARLISLE,
JAMES BRITTON,
} Committee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Wetumpka Association to the Sister Associations with whom she Corresponds:

BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST: God in his great goodness and mercy has favored us with the privilege of once more assembling in associate capacity, and meeting with many whom we love, in the truth; we have gladly received your Messengers, and our souls have been much comforted and refreshed by the glad tidings of salvation by grace alone, which they have proclaimed among us. We desire a continuance of your friendly correspondence, and on our part, we will try as far as possible, to reciprocate the favor.

Our next session is appointed to be held with the Church at Antioch, one mile west of Fayetteville, Talladega county, Alabama, commencing Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1861.

MOSES GUNN, Moderator.

R. W. CARLISLE, Clerk.

The Stand was occupied by the Brethren from day to day, in the order of their names:

Saturday morning, J. P. Sears, followed by M. Gunn; afternoon by W. M. McClendon, followed by E. Garrett.

Sunday morning, J. M. Duke, followed by E. Garrett; afternoon by J. W. Clyatt, followed by M. Gunn.

Monday morning, B. Jowers, followed by W. M. McClendon; afternoon by E. Nelson, followed by J. W. H. Clyatt.

Tuesday morning, J. M. Duke, followed J. P Sears.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Contributions from the Churches	$41,55
Balance on hand last year	10,70
Total	52,25
Amount paid for Clerk's services	$20,00
Paid for printing Minutes	20,00
Balance on hand	$12,25

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCH DELEGATES. Ordained Ministers thus * Licentiates thus †	Baptised.....	Rec'd by Letter	On Prof. Faith.	Dismissed.....	Excommunic'd.	Restored.....	Dead.....	Present No....	Monies.....	Meetings.....	No. of Copies.
Union	Autauga county	Thos. Coleman	1			1	1		2	64	$2 00	2	
Coosa River	" "	J. M. Gray, Wm. Parrish		1		1				17	2 25		
Pilgrim's Rest	" "	J. J. Davis. J. Butler								6	1 00		
Bethel	" "	J. Dennis, M. Armstrong								10	1 00		
Mount Zion	" "	Not represented											
Ramah	Coosa county,	M. Gunn* J. H. Hartsfield		7		2			3	47	2 00		50
Wewoka	" "	L. Buckner, F. M. Guy				1	3		1	27	2 00		54
Bethlehem	Macon county	Willis Cox		3		2			1	40	3 00		66
Elam	" "	G. B. Patterson				5		1		19	3 00		66
Chana Creek	Tallapoosa county	Wm. Redden, A. W. Adcock	2	6	1	2			2	45	2 00		50
Mount Gilead	Coosa county	J. P. Sears,* A. Chappell	1	5		1			1	32	2 00		50
Bethel	" "	B. Jowers,* Wm. Brooks		33	4					56	2 00		50
Fish Pond	" "	J. Britton J. S. Ogletree	2	4	1	1	2	2		53	3 00		66
Mount Zion	" "	H. McKinney, J. F. Meier		2		2			1	20	2 00		50
Mount Pleasant	" "	C. Cotton. R. W. Corley		1						12	1 50		40
Smyna	" "	R. K. Blair. J. Amason	2	5	3	1	1			38	2 00		50
Fellowship	Tallapoosa county	R. W. Carlisle,* C. H. Webb	1	1					1	43	1 00		27
Pilgrim s Rest	Coosa County	J. G. Bell.*								5	50		17
New Hope	" "	S. Thomas								7	1 00		50
Swamp Creek	" "	Wm. S. Lee. J. Webb		6		3		1		17	1 00		50
Providence	" "	W. B. Blackmon,†								7	1 00		27
Antioch	Talladega county	P. R. Vardeman, B. Edwards		1	4	1				15	1 85	4	44
Mount Olive	Shelby county	E. Nelson.* J. B. Seals	1	9		1				21	1 50		40
Mount Zion	" "	J. W. Harris, F. C. Stevens	2	1	4	1				13	1 00		27

☞ Received of R. W. Carlisle Twenty Dollars for printing these Minutes. W. ROBERTS.